trolleys are being smuggled out from the high security zone of the Airport;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; if so, with what results; and

(e) what steps have been taken to put an end to this misuse and to punish the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) has awarded a contract for retrieval and maintenance of passenger trolleys at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. The contractor is responsible for safe custody, and ready, availability of trolleys. However, there have been reports of misuse of trolleys by residents of neighbourhood localities because passengers after use leave them at all over places within the airport vicinity and the car park areas. The contractor has been advised to exercise effective control to avoid misuse of trolleys. He has since deployed addtional manpower for the purpose.

Introduction of convenient flight timings By IA

2307. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines propose to introduce convenient flight timings and additional capacity on several high density and tourist routes; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Presently, most of the Indian Airlines services operating on high density trunk routes are scheduled with a view to providing maximum convenience to the passengers travelling on these routes. Since the capacity presently provided on the high density and tourist routes is sufficient to meet the present passenger demand, Indian Airlines is not planning to augment capacity on these routes.

Decline in global tourists

2308. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in global tourist arrivals came down from 0.40 per cent in 1988 to 0.35 per cent in 1993 and in regional arrivals from 55.2 per cent to 52 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that percentage of foreign exchange receipts from global tourism came down from 0.75 per cent to 0.43 per cent and from regional tourism from 77.76 per cent to 70 per cent during the period;

(c) whether Government have identified the causes of the decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(e) whether any action plan has been drawn to check the declining trend and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when it is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The percentage share of India in the global tourism receipts declined from 0.72 per cent to 0.46 per cent and the same in the regional tourism receipts declined from 74.0 per cent to 70.0 per cent during the period from 1988 to 1993.

(c) and (d) The reasons for decline in tourist traffic during 1993 include law and problems in some parts of the country, airlines strikes, recessionary conditions in some of the tourist generating countries etc.

(e) and (f) An action plan including re-assurance campaigns in the overseas